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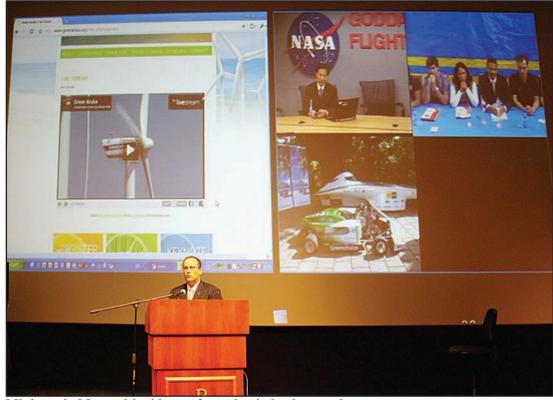
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"Our Future with Green Energy"- Countdown to the first Green Aruba Conference and Trade Fair



Mike Eman Eman and Mike de Meza welcome representatives of WEB and other agencies involved



Minister de Meza with videoconferencing in background

During a press conference yesterday morning dedicated to the concept of advanced environmental technology, government representatives, headed by Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza, utilized modern communications technology in the announcement of the first

Green Aruba Conference and Trade Fair, to take place September 29 through October 3, 2010.

The Green Aruba Conference and Trade Fair will be



Ed Cheung

conducted at the Renaissance Convention Center; two guest speakers for the event, Aruban-born Dr. Edward Cheung of NASA, Principal Engineer Hubble of the Space Telescope Maintenance Project, and Professor Wubbo Ockels from TU Delft, Holland's first astronaut and head of the Forz Hydrogen Car development team, were present at yesterday's presentation via video conferencing.

Minister de Meza, who is official host of the fall event, expressed the importance of Aruba investigating and pursuing the latest in "green technology" of every kind, which will be exhibited and explained during the Green Aruba Congress. Dr. Cheung will expound on the use of solar cells and energy, which NASA has pioneered, as they use it to power space crafts once they have left earth's atmosphere.

Present at the Arubahuis in Holland were Aruba's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Netherlands, Edwin Abath and Director of Arubahuis, Desiree Croes. Projected on a giant screen was the Forz Hydrogen Car as well as the Green Choice Solar Car, both of which will be in Aruba for

the trade fair. Members of the development team explained they will be racing the cars, which have achieved speeds up to 140 KLH, in an attempt to set a new world speed record for vehicles employing renewable-"clean" energy.

The Aruba Green Congress for registered delegates will occupy the first 3 days of the upcoming event; Prime Minister Eman and Minister de Meza invite all the public, both island visitors and residents, to attend the trade fair that will complete the conference from October 1 though 3.

Aruba has made advances in clean energy technology largely through the efforts of Dutch enterprise, according to the Green Aruba website. "The aim of the conference is to invite Dutch, American, Regional and International ex- perts on wind, solar and maritime energy technologies to the Island of Aruba, in order to share knowledge of new and proven technologies in these fields. The conference also aims to create a platform where knowledge is shared among the different international parties."

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Clinton backs Argentine bid to try alleged terrorists



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks alongside Argentina's Foreign Minister Hector Timerman during a press availability at the State Department in Washington, DC, August 11, 2010. AFP PHOTO

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Wednesday the United States backs Argentina in its call for Iran to extradite the suspects in a deadly bombing of a Buenos Aires Jewish cen-

ter in 1994.

"Argentina and the United States cooperate closely in the fight against terrorism," the chief US diplomat said as she appeared before the news media with Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman.

"Argentina, of course, has been a victim of terrorist attacks on its own soil, and we support Argentina's pursuit of justice for those tragic and deplorable acts," she said.

Russia admits fires burned on Chernobyl-hit land

MOSCOW (AFP) – Russia yesterday admitted wildfires hit swathes of land contaminated by the Chernobyl disaster, raising fears that buried radioactive particles could be released into the air, as a new wildfire broke out near a nuclear facility.

The new wildfire caused by lightning flamed up near a major nuclear research center in the Russian town of Sarov, causing the plant's management to ask firefighters and troops to reverse their withdrawal.

Russia had begun withdrawing hundreds of firefighters and soldiers sent to douse the fires around Sarov, a town 500 kilometres east of Moscow which houses the country's main nuclear research facility and is still closed to foreigners.

"The center's director Valentin Kostioukov has asked the emergency situations ministry urgently to suspend the withdrawal of troops from Sarov and send in heavy equipment as reinforcements," it said

Smog from the wildfires that shrouded Moscow for days triggering a public health crisis finally dissipated as the authorities claimed the total area on fire in Russia had halved over the last 24 hours.

But concerns mounted over the environment in the Bryansk region bordering the Ukraine and Belarus, whose soil is still contaminated by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, as the authorities acknowledged the area had been hit by the fires.

The Roslesozashchita state forest watchdog said in a statement on its website that according to data from August 6, in the Bryansk region alone 28 fires covering an area of 269 hectares (665 acres) were recorded on the radioactive lands.

"The situation is complicated but stable and under control," said the state-run Forestry Management Office for the Bryansk region.

Some officials had previously denied the existence of any fires in the region.

New superbugs spreading from S.Asia

PARIS, France (AFP) – Plastic surgery patients have carried a new class of superbugs resistant to almost all antibiotics from South Asia to Britain and they could spread worldwide, researchers reported yesterday.

Many hospital infections that were already difficult to treat have become even more impervious to drugs thanks to a recently discovered gene that can jump across different species of bacteria.

This so-called NDM-1 gene was first identified last year by Cardiff University's Timothy Walsh in two types of bacteria -- Klebsiella pneumoniae and Escherichia coli -- in a Swedish patient admitted to hospital in India.

Worryingly, the new NDM-1 bacteria are resistant even to carbapenems, a group of antibiotics often reserved as a last resort for emergency treatment for multi-drug resistant bugs.

In the new study, led by Walsh and Madras University's Karthikeyan Kumarasamy, researchers set out to determine how common the NDM-1 producing bacteria were in South Asia and Britain, where several cases had turned up.

Checking hospital patients with suspect symptoms, they found 44 cases -- 1.5 percent of those screened -- in Chennai, and 26 (eight percent) in Haryana, both in India.

They likewise found the superbug in Bangladesh and Pakistan, as well 37 cases in Britain, where several patients had recently travelled to India or Pakistan for cosmetic surgery.

gery.

"India also provides cosmetic surgery for other Europeans and Americans, and it is likely that NDM-1 will spread worldwide," said the study, published in the British medical journal The Lancet.

NDM-1 was mostly found in E. coli, a common source of community-acquired urinary tract infections, and K. pneumoniae, and was impervious to all antibiotics except two, tigecycline and colistin. In some cases, even these drugs did not beat back the infection.

Crucially, the NDM-1 gene was found on DNA structures, called plasmids, that can be easily copied and transferred between bacteria, giving the bug "an alarming potential to spread and diversify," the authors said.

"Unprecedented air travel and migration allow bacterial plasmids and clones to be transported rapidly between countries and continents," mostly undetected, they said.

The emergence of these new drug-resistant strains could become a serious global public health problem as the major threat shifts toward a broad class of bacteria -- including those armed with the NDM-1 gene -- known as "Gram-negative."

"There are few new anti-Gram-negative antibiotics in development, and none that are effective against NDM-1," the study said.

NDM-1 stands for New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase-1.

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Lecture on the Lionfish tomorrow at Centro Hadicurari

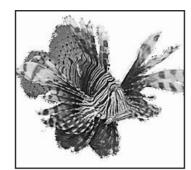
Speaker will elaborate on the dangers of the invasive fish and suggestions on how to combat it

Tomorrow, August 13, The Centro di Pesca Hadicurari will have an informative evening on the invasion of the Lionfish in Aruban waters and the Caribbean. Keynote speaker will be Aruban scientist Adeljean L.F.C. Ho, M.Sc

Adeljean L.F.C. Ho, M.Sc., is a Marine Biologist who following his PhD studies at the Florida Institute of Technology. After finalizing his VWO at the Colegio Arubano, he achieved his degree in Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Marine Biology and Chemistry at the Roger William University in 2008. He achieved a Master

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in Science degree in Marine Biology at the FIT, in 2010, where he presented his thesis "population genetics" and "geographic morphological variability' of the yellowhead jawfish, Opistongathus au-

At present he is on Aruba, collecting information for his Ph.D. study in Biology Science. His lecture is geared on the actual invasion of the Lionfish on Aruba - using information obtained in the U.S., and how to apply them here. He will elaborate on the biology of the Lionfish, origin and method of invasion, the dangers of invasion and propose an action plan on how to combat the problem.

In September 2009 the first species were detected in Aruba waters and since then lots of sightings were reported by local fishermen. The Centro di Pesca Hadicurari is collecting data but feels that the interest of the general public is diminishing. The center is giving this lecture (with others to follow in the near future) to form a network on how to control this invasion.

All fishermen, dive operators and the general public are invited to assist at the lecture, on the second floor of the Centro di Pesca Hadicurari. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the lecture is from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. with opportunities for questions.

Everyone is welcome and entrance is FREE!

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Tel: (297) 586-0677 Alarming situation of addict living

on the streets Recently, a group of Red Cross volunteers took to the streets to assist the homeless

addicts. This time they went to the 'Den Man Di E Maestro' building, situated in the Avenida Alo Tromp. According to spokesperson, Mrs. Marieta Wanopa, the addicts themselves asked for their help.

The situation of the addicts on the street is getting worse every day. They have several wounds that need treatment but they cannot go to the First Aid because their AZV insurance is not in order.

Mrs. Wanopa says that every time they meet the addicts they talk to them, encouraging them to think on their situation and seek a better life for themselves.

The foundation is not getting any financial help; they cook and give food to the addicts on their own ex-

Every day the Red Cross helps seven to 14 addicts with little wounds or selfinflicted wounds they got by a piece of metal or a dog bite. The wounds get worse by the day to the point that they need intensive treatment.

There are addicts in critical condition living together with other people and the risk of infecting them with a disease is big.

Photos give an impression of the alarming situation among the addicts and the Red Cross volunteers at work



"Our Future with Green

Minister Eman discusses upcoming project through video conferencing.

Dr. Cheung and Professor Ockels are two of a dozen experts traveling to Aruba for presentations on every aspect of renewable energy.

Professor Ockels stated earth's inhabitants are all "crew members on this giant spaceship Earth, and we must work together to take care of it. A place on a small scale, such as Aruba, has a great chance of success in this en-

deavor, and must work together with the large scale proposition. It is a win/win situation all around."

Full information on the agenda of the upcoming Green Aruba Conference and Trade Fair, including speakers, agenda and registration, can be found on their website www.greenaruba.org.

by Rosalie Klein











Adapted Happy Wheels is very satisfied Nezich Family can't with positive feedback received from local clients





Adapted Happy Wheels is very satisfied with the feedback received from local clients who

have made use of their product. "The clients who used our Amphibian Wheelchair are completely satisfied with our product and our company has only received praise for the good service offered," a spokesperson for Adapted Happy Wheels commented.

The establishment feels immense joy when offering persons with limited mobility the opportunity to enjoy the sea and have pleasurable moments with family members, something that some of them have not been able to do in a long time due to their limitations.

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"We are convinced that Adapted Happy Wheels is giving special attention to our most precious treasure, our own people," the spokesperson said.

"Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook fan page to read the reviews and also give their commentaries," the spokesperson stated.

Photos show moments on the beach with the Adapted Happy Wheels.

Bangladesh farmers turn to 'frog weddings'

DHAKA, Bangldesh (AFP) – Farmers in a parched district of northern Bangladesh are marrying off frogs in a desperate bid to bring on monsoon rains and protect their crops, local officials said yesterday

Bangladesh suffered its driest July in decades, prompting farmers to turn to the centuries-old rain-making ritual of celebrating frog marriages, officials say.

"There have been lot of frog marriages as there has been hardly any rainfall here even though it's monsoon season,"

Sadullahpur district government administrator Ariful Haq

At a frog wedding in Ramchandrapur village, 300 villagers dressed in their best clothes attended the festivities. said Tajul Islam, who was at the wedding.

"The frog bride and groom are highly decorated with a red streak of colour on their forehead and carried in a special basket to a banana-leaf stage," he said.

"Villagers sing songs, make offerings of rice and grass, then after the ceremony the married frogs are released in the village pond," he said, adding that all the village children then got traditional sweets.

Monsoon rains normally sweep Bangladesh from June to September, with the country receiving more than 75 percent of its annual rainfall during this period.

In July, usually the wettest month of the year, Bangladesh received 36 percent less rain than last year, said Shah Alam, deputy chief of the weather department.

wait to come back to Aruba





Deb and Mark Nezich and their three children, Hannah, Jordan and Ethan, from Saugerties, New York have been making Aruba their vacation "home away from home" for the past seven years. They just love the island and the friendly people. Every year they make a point of exploring the diverse landscape, like Casibari this time. It's really the tranquility of the Costa Linda Resort surroundings and the beautiful beach and calm Caribbean sea that keep them coming back. Let's not forget the great shopping. Photos of the happy family captured by Diane Keijzer. See you next summer!





Fashion design and drawing and illustration workshop for youngsters at Aruba National Library

Given by local artist Vanessa Paulina

In connection with the celebration of Cultural Month in September, the Aruba National Library is organizing different activities. On Wednesday, September 1, there will be a drawing and illustration workshop from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. They also organized a two-day Fashion Design workshop, on Wednesday, September 15 and September 22, also from 4 to 6 p.m.

During the illustration workshop the anatomy and figure of a male or female model will be studied. This will serve as the basis to make a design for the selected figure. All the different aspects play an important role when drawing a model/figure, the perspective, direction and anatomy.

The Fashion workshop concentrates on:

• How the participants wants to present themselves



and how they wish to see each other in the creation.

• Identify yourself by means of a 'Ami Ta...' de-

sign

The participants will get assistance when choosing material and color combinations. They can choose to design a male, female or a child. From basic principles they will design something unique, according to their taste and preferences, by using simple techniques.

Each idea/concept will receive guidance by a teacher. Participants will continue working on their creation at home. Presentation of the designs will take place at the Aruba National Library on Thursday, September 16. There will be a stage in the back on the library destined for the presentation.

The workshops will be given by local artist Vanessa Paulina, who recently presented her new pieces titled "The language of the eye" at the Westin Gallery.

Vanessa Paulina has a de-

gree in fashion and illustrating. She studied at the Windroos Fashion Institute in Rotterdam, the Fashion Academy in Eindhoven, the Willem de Kooning Academy in Rotterdam, and the Institute of Education in Leiden, and she took classes in Caribbean Studies at the University of Leiden, all in the Netherlands. Nowadays she uses the brush more and has proven to have mastered her skills as an autodidact painter.

She also works freelance as a stylist and designer. She works for various Dutch magazines, like the BLVD and Dutch, for fashion shows, for Hips and Delidel Touch video clips and for television programs, such as the 'Westenwind' series and the 'Raymann is laat' show. In the past she gave different fashion and illustration workshops, on Aruba as well as in the Netherlands



Vanessa Paulina

Persons interested to participate can register via email at info@bibliotecanacional.

Last day of inscription is August 27.



*matinee: thursday - sunday | **late show: friday & saturday

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*The Expendables will start Friday August 13

THE OTHER GUYS (ACTION/ADVENTURE AND COMEDY) - Detective Allen Gamble is a forensic accountant who's more interested in paperwork than hitting the streets. Detective Terry Hoitz is a tough guy who has been stuck with Allen as his partner ever since an unfortunate run-in with Derek Jeter. Allen and Terry idolize the city's top cops, Danson and Highsmith, but when an opportunity arises for the Other Guys to step up, things don't quite go as planned.

Science/Tech

Samsung launches first portable Blu-ray 3D Player

Samsung has brought out its first portable Blu-ray 3D player, as well as 3D TVs priced starting at US\$1,099, in an effort to make 3D products accessible to buyers.

The BD-C8000 player allows users to watch full high-definition movies on the go, or to watch 3D movies when connected to a 3D TV, said John Revie, Samsung senior vice president of home entertainment, at a press event in New York.

The portable player has a 10.3-inch screen and built-in Wi-Fi. It runs about three hours on batteries and connects to 3D TVs via an HDMI 1.4a port. The HDMI specification allows for content in 3D formats to be transferred between devices, including movies based on the Blu-ray 3D format.

The player is priced at \$499 and is available now, according to the company.

For budget-conscious buyers, Samsung also announced three new plasma 3D TVs, including one priced at \$1,099. That one, the PN50C490 3D TV, has a 50-inch screen size and is capable of playing 720p



high-definition video. Also new are plasma 3D TVs that are capable of playing full high-definition 1080p video, including the \$2,299 PN58C680, which has a 58-inch screen, and the \$1,599 PN50C680, which has a 50-inch screen.

The company also announced what it called its largest 3D TV to date, a 65-inch LED TV priced at around \$6.000.

"We'd like to believe that 3D has raised the bar for ... the immersive entertainment experience," said Tim Baxter, president of the consumer electronics division at Samsung Electronics America.

The adoption rate of 3D products has been fantastic and will continue to grow, Baxter said.

"The opportunity for 3D is constantly evolving. We think it will follow a path very similar to what we experienced with HD rollout and Blu-ray rollout," Baxter said.

In late July, market research firm DisplaySearch said that 3D TV shipments could reach 3.4 million this year, increasing from 214,000 units that shipped last year. The increased interest in 3D TVs is partly being driven by 3D gaming and 3D movies on Blu-ray, according to DisplaySearch.

Canadian Rocks Stake a Claim as Earth's Oldest

Scientists may have unearthed vestiges of rock nearly as old as Earth itself.

A unique chemical signature suggests volcanic rocks recently collected on Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic survived untouched for 4.5 billion years - from before the melted mantle began firing up magma to form Earth's crust and plate tectonics then mixed that crust back into the mantle below.

"This may be the original stuff," said lead researcher Matthew Jackson of Boston University. "We may have discovered the oldest piece of the Earth."

Jackson and his colleagues think the newfound material somehow remained protected from the inner Earth's vigorous churning and recycling by hiding out in an ancient mantle reservoir. (The mantle is the layer of viscous, superhot rock that roils below the thin, solid crust of the planet's surface.)

The researchers' novel finding could offer insights into the Earth's original composition, as well as the dynamics at play in the Earth's interior.

Of course, to label a piece of rock as primitive is not sim-

ple. Certain chemical requirements need to have been met.

Previous research had accounted for the first of three necessary conditions: Volcanic rocks on Baffin Island and nearby Greenland were found to contain a high concentration of one isotope of helium, called helium-3, compared with another, helium-4. (An isotope is a variation of a chemical element, with a differing number of neutrons in the atom's core.) Helium-3 is extremely rare - most of the mantle's original supply has been released into space through volcanic eruptions -

while helium-4 is constantly replenished within the Earth.

Many researchers have thought the Earth was made of a special kind of meteorite called chondrite, which has led them on the hunt for what called a chondritic neodymium isotope, a telltale signature of this origin. The hunt has been futile. But a recent discovery called this assumption into question. And based on the new theory, the non-chondritic neodymium isotopes that Jackson and his team identified in the Baffin Island lavas can be considered primitive.

3D-Mapping Laser Backpack is the Nerdiest Back-to-School Item Ever

The back-to-school season is upon us, and what better way to go back to school in style than with a laser-equipped backpack capable of building 3D maps of building interiors?

Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley have developed just that. Their backpack uses a combination of lasers, cameras, and location-sensing equipment to map out rooms and corridors inside buildings, according to a KGO-TV news report.

Needless to say, the 3D mapping backpack isn't exactly practical for students-you can't store stuff in it and you'd probably get plenty of funny looks--the researchers say that the backpack can be used for mapping for games, or for gathering data to help make buildings more energy efficient. See the video below for more.

Pretty cool, huh? What other uses to do you see for this sort of thing? Sound off in the comments below.



HEALTH - LIVING

Spinal-fluid biomarkers accurately predict Alzheimer's: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Alzheimer's disease can be predicted with up to 100 percent accuracy several years before its onset using biomarkers found in spinal fluids, a study published Monday showed.

Geert De Meyer of Ghent University in Belgium and colleagues in the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) analyzed data from 114 older adults who were cognitively normal, 200 who had mild cognitive impairment and 102 who had Alzheimer's disease for the study.

They identified a very specific biomarker signature that is present in more than 90 percent of the Alzheimer's group, 72 percent of those with mild cognitive impairment and 36 percent of those who were cognitively normal.

The results were cross-checked against two smaller data sets.

In one, 64 of 68 patients -

- or 94 percent of the group - were "correctly classified with the Alzheimer's disease feature," the authors of the study wrote in the American Medical Association's Archives of Neurology.

In another data set, made up of 57 patients with mild cognitive impairment who were followed up for five years, the model was 100-percent accurate in showing patients who progressed to Alzheimer's disease.

"The initiation of the Alzheimer's disease pathogenic process is typically unobserved and has been thought to precede the first symptoms by 10 years or more," the authors of the ADNI study published Monday wrote.

But the fact that the biomarkers were present in more than one-third of cognitively normal subjects suggested to the researchers that "Alzheimer's disease pathology is active and detectable earlier than has heretofore been envisioned."

Scientists have been searching "in earnest" for biochemical markers of Alzheimer's Disease in body fluids since the late 1990s, when a working group outlined the ideal biochemical markers for the disease, an editorial in the same issue of the Archives of Neurology said.

Among other things, biomarker tests should be more than 80-percent accurate for detecting Alzheimer's, technically reliable and reproducible, noninvasive, simple to perform and inexpensive.

The test used by De Meyer and colleagues met most of the criteria, said the editorial.

But, it added: "Whether it is noninvasive or not is in the eye of the beholder: performing a lumbar puncture is no more invasive than other outpatient procedures such as endoscopies that millions of Americans tolerate each year."

British scientists develop brain scan to detect autism

LONDON (AFP) – British scientists have developed a 15-minute brain scan they hope could be used to detect autism in children, cutting both the time and cost of diagnosing the disorder.

Researchers from the Institute of Psychiatry at King's College London on Tuesday published details of the technique, which has been tested on adults and shown to have 90 percent accuracy in detecting autism.

Children are presently assessed through a lengthy process that tests social interaction, communication and imaginative skills.

A confirmed diagnosis is rare before 18 months, and most often occurs much later.

Christine Ecker, a member of the institute's research team, said the new tool's benefits could be "immense".

"It could help to alleviate the need for the emotional, time-consuming and expensive diagnosis process which ASD (autism spectrum disorder) patients and families currently have to endure," she said.

"We now look forward to

testing if our methods can also help children."

The British scientists hope the new method will be both quicker and up to 20 times more cost effective.

The scans cost between 100 pounds (160 dollars, 120 euros) and 200 pounds, far cheaper than current alternatives in Britain.

The technique assesses structural changes in the brain. It is expected to take more than two years before it is ready to be rolled out for general use.

Autism and related disorders affect up to six or seven out of every 1,000 individuals.

Symptoms are lifelong and can vary widely, but often include impaired social skills, repetitive behaviours, difficulty in expressing one's emotions, and an aversion to physical intimacy. There is no known cure.

The brain scan method was 90 percent accurate in correctly identifying the autistic patients. It also showed a negative result for healthy controls in 80 percent of cases.

Discover the Treasures Across the Bridge

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San Nicolas



Entrance to the inner Bay of Spaan Lagoen



One of San Nicolas' main attractions, Charlie's Bar in the mainstreet

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is the only inner bay in Aruba, resulting from rising sea levels after the last ice age. Spaans Lagoen is connected with the sea, but it is partially separated by a low-lying bridge. Located off the mouth of the lagoon there are several island keys, which together with the Spaans Lagoen area form a large natural ecological system.

Spaans Lagoen is a reefprotected area. The beach is accessed through the mangove trees in Mangel Halto, on the east side of the island. It boasts shallow waters and fine white sand. It's also an excellent spot to have a picnic lunch.

It is one of three Blue Flag beaches developing on the island. There is a gentle sandy entry to the water that is great for children and adults. Beginning scuba divers will love it and the snorkeling is excellent. It is also a wonderful area for kayaking. The Spaans Lagoen area flows into the village of **Pos Chiquito**.

Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recap-

tured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean. The development of the city is undeniably linked to the oil refinery, the presence of which often stands in sharp contrast to the modest houses of the area and the picturesque beach spots



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas(Frenchman's Pas)



Mangel Halto in Savaneta



House on the reef (Savaneta)



Dutch Cosy Cotton blues band features fantastic Grana Louise from the US once again





Grana Louise



Joeko Dietrich

One of last year's numerous top acts of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival was undoubtedly the Cosy Cotton blues band. An ecstatic audience kept on cheering them after their spectacular performance on the main stage in front of Cas di Cultura's entrance. And guess what: they are back with more blues for more applause.

The four members of the Cosy Cotton blues band are thrilled that internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and music producer Grana Louise will be belting out her songs together with them again. Alexander van Merten (drums), Boudy Loogman (bass guitar) and Bert Devies (guitar) are the original members of the 1980's band, which used to feature singer Wendy Sheridan. Now, more than 26 years later three of the band's musicians got together for a blues revival show in Holland and the bug bit again! Together with

Hammond organ and piano player Joeko Dietrich they form once again the Cosy Cotton blues band. Rave reviews accompany the performances of the group, which takes its audience on a musical trip through the southern states of America, culminating in the cotton



Boudy Loogman



Bert Devies

fields of Louisiana. The story of Cosy Cotton

goes back to 1986 when the band played at blues and jazz festivals, first as a warm-up act, but later playing with big names like BB King, Ray Charles, Robert Cray, the Blues Brothers and Chaka Kahn. The CD that was recorded was hugely successful as well. But in 1993 the members of Cosy Cotton decided to venture out into the real world, starting businesses and getting families of their own and the band broke up. Two years ago, however, Bert, Boudy and Alexander got together again and the magic was back full blast to the joy of the former group's faithful fans. Together with singer Grana Louise and her powerful, awesome voice Cosy Cotton is soaring once again.

Welcome to the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2010, Cosy Cotton!



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No details were provided on the terms of the deal, which will leave AIG in control of the remaining 20 percent as it struggles to pay back a massive taxpayer buyout.

AGF has assets of approximately 20 billion dollars and liabilities of approximately 18 billion dollars, including 17 billion dollars of debt.

The firm provides loans, retail financing and other credit related products in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Britain.

AIG said that as a result of the sale it will post a pre-tax loss of approximately 1.9 billion dollars in the third quarter of 2010. In its earnings statement on Friday, it estimated the sale at some 2.4 billion dollars.

International American Group, once the world's largest insurer, has been selling assets since its rescue from collapse by the government during the 2008 financial crisis. It is today nearly 80 percent owned by the state.

AIG shares fell by more than four percent yesterday despite the news of the sale.

Giving customers a quick education can really make your cash register ring Here's how...

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed atti-

Increasing the perceived value of your product, from your customer's viewpoint, is one of the most valuable concepts any business can implement.

This week, I'm going to write and show you ways to increase the perceived value of your product through better customer education.

It's so obvious, that it's amazing to me, that more companies don't utilize it.

All you have to do is recognize that the more your customers understand and appreciate why and how a product or service can benefit, improve, or protect their life or their business, the more they

But here is the most remarkable part about this simple education process...your customers become more closely connected to the person who educates them to this fact. And that person should be you.

Do you remember in a previous Tip, I went over Unique Selling Propositions?

Well this process is nothing more than an elaboration of your USP.

Whatever business or profession you're in, I guarantee you one thing...your customers haven't begun to understand your business the way you understand it.

They don't know how it benefits them. They don't understand all the implications. They don't understand all the opportunities.

They don't understand all the ways to avoid problems. They don't understand all the opportunities available to them to multiply the benefits they are already receiving from using your product.

You have an opportunity and also an obligation to educate and inform your customers at a far deeper and higher level than anyone else does.

Why?

Because the more people understand something, the more comfortable they are with it, and the more desirous they are of having it and using

Take a look at your competitors. Do some research? Find out what they don't

US suffers widest trade gap in 20 months

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US trade deficit widened sharply in June to the highest level in 20 months on waning exports and rising imports from China, triggering fresh growth fears in the world's largest economy.

The trade gap grew at the fastest monthly pace on record to reach 49.9 billion dollars, threatening to erode already slow US economic growth.

June's deficit surged past the 42.0-billion-dollar level seen in May, to become the largest trade gap since October 2008, in the depths of a brutal

Imports, especially autos and consumer goods, increased three percent to 200.3 billion dollars in June while exports declined 1.3 percent to 150.5 billion dollars, the Commerce Department said. Surging US imports from China formed the bulk of the increase.

This is likely to lead to more pressure on Beijing to speed up the appreciation of the yuan against the greenback -- a reason often cited by American lawmakers for the yawning gap with China.

The June deficit baffled both the US government and private economists.

It was about twice the amount forecast by the government in gross domestic product projections for the second quarter, published last month.

Most economists had expected the deficit to hit 42.2 billion dollars.

I will guarantee you that most of them don't educate and inform their customers about the many benefits of the products they are buying, and how those products can help them accomplish the reason why they bought that product in the first place.

I'm a very good example of

Years ago, up until the time my friend and V.P. of Marketing, Dalton James came aboard, I knew the very basics, and I do mean the very basics of a computer.

All I ever did was know how to turn it on, go to the section I wanted to write in, then write, then save, etc.

Dalton educated me about the many things I could do with the computer I had.

And the more Dalton educated me, the more I enjoyed the computer and the more I wanted to use it.

It is the same thing with your product or service. The more you can help your customers enjoy its many benefits, the more they'll use it and the more they'll become attached to it and you.

Education is your greatest

You see, customers mostly buy a product because they have a need for it. But if you educate them about the many other benefits of that product, and about how much more they will enjoy that product, then you have really built up their perception of your product or service.

Well, that's it for this Tip. In the next Tip, I'm going to go over some examples of how vou can utilize this concept in your own business.

To your success,

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Plain Pancake

Linda's Pancake and Pizza place, located at Palm Beach 6D, Noord (on the right side of Valero gas station) offers patrons the most delicious Dutch pancakes and pizza's with a Dutch twist.

Open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and only five minutes away from the high-rise resorts, Linda's is the perfect eatery for the whole family.

Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery ,THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this

Besides the original plain pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with ba-nana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in



Olgita, Ilhan and Iyanla enjoying a scrumptious meal

how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

Olgita, joined by her two kids ordered a little of everything while the kids roamed around freely, enjoying the afternoon.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for – Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the the sauce. Not everybody can make that perfect peanut sauce, but Linda, being an expert in the kitchen has cooked up one of the finest peanut sauces on the island, making this original Indonesian dish extra special.

If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -- in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pancake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORN-ING NEWS team.

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"We also serve American coffee," Linda concluded.

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Racing against time to preserve India's Parsi past



An Indian Zoroastrian or Parsi woman walks by figures of 'knights' at a fire temple after offering prayers on Parsi New Year 'Navroze' in Mumbai. (AFP)

MUMBAI (AFP) – High in the hills of western India, Homi Dhalla looks around the Bharot Caves complex, pointing out the cracked and crumbling stone in the roughly-hewn rocks.

"If we wish to save these caves, the world community has to stand up and do something about it now before it's too late," he says, as the web video fades to a still image of two Parsi priests worshipping in one of the stark grey vaults.

Time and neglect have left the ancient caves in a dangerous state of disrepair that now threatens them as a place of pilgrimage for India's fireworshipping Parsi community.

In the 14th century, their ancestors fled to the caves with the sacred fire of their Zoroastrian religion to escape a Mughal invasion.

According to legend, the "Iranshah" -- the first fire to be consecrated in India -- stayed lit throughout the 12 long years they were there.

So far, 3,000 people have signed a petition on the www.zoroastrians.net portal -- where Dhalla's video is shown -- which will be sent to the Archaeological Survey of India, urging it to repair the protected caves.

"There is an urgent need to conserve the caves for posterity without delay or else this sacred heritage will be lost forever."

Whether the caves near Sanjan, close to the state border of Maharashtra and Gujarat, survive or collapse further into the hillside is not just dependent on funding.

The project -- and others like it -- more than anything depends on people.

Zoroastrians, who follow the prophet Zarathustra and worship Ahura Maza as the creator of the universe, fled persecution in ancient Iran and arrived in India in the 10th century.

They have risen to prominence over the centuries as industrialists, philanthropists, teachers, musicians, artists and writers in India and abroad.

Famous Parsis include the Tata family, which owns one of India's most successful business houses, the conductor Zubin Mehta and the late Queen singer Freddie Mercury.

But the population of India's most successful and celebrated minority has been in steady decline, with numbers down to just under 70,000 in India, according to the last census in 2001.

As the birth rate falls and Parsis marry outside the community or migrate, experts say they face a race against time to catalogue the distinctive religion and culture for future generations.

Kainaz Amaria has seen the decline first hand, particularly in rural areas where once-thriving Parsi communities have died out and their homes and fire temples now lie abandoned.

The 32-year-old photojournalist, who comes from a family of Indian Parsi priests, arrived in Mumbai last year and has been documenting everything from wedding ceremonies to water rituals in the close-knit community.

"I like to focus on the customs and the cultures and the traditions that are typically Parsi," said Amaria, who is in India on the US government's Fulbright scholarship programme as part of her masters degree in visual communication.

Comparing her experience growing up on the US west coast and Parsi life in India, she said all it took was her parents to emigrate and one generation for some rituals to disappear.

"If they're not documented they'll fade away," she said. "This is my little way of giving something back to the community. I feel a very strong sense of responsibility."

The decline in Parsi numbers doesn't mean that nothing has been done to preserve tradition.

A Zoroastrian Information Centre has been built at the coastal town of Udvada in Gujarat, where the "Iranshah" still burns at one of the most important Parsi fire temples in the world.

The UNESCO-backed Parzor project has saved damaged or decayed ancient manuscripts at the Meherjirana Library in nearby Navsari and transferred them onto microfilm.

It is also recording oral history and charting the lives of famous Parsis while scholars from around the world are taking an increased interest in the endangered Parsi-Gujarati dialect.

Dhalla has led archaeological digs in Sanjan, where the first Zoroastrians settled, and unearthed artefacts shedding light on their trading past.

His foundation's other areas of concern include recording and reviving religious chants and traditional Parsi songs, calligraphy and promoting the community's linguistic heritage.



Devout Muslims renew faith with Ramadan fast



Palestinian men read the Koran at the al-Omri mosque in Gaza City on August 11, 2010 as Muslims mark the first day of the holy month of Ramadan. Muslims all over the world are supposed to go without food, drink, smoking and sex from sunrise to sunset during the month of Ramadan in order to purify themselves and concentrate their mind on Islamic teachings.



A Palestinian man prepares his dates to sell in the West Bank city of Jericho during Ramadan.



Sweets and pickles at a market in Kabul

Beckham still up for England despite Capello call



Capello

LONDON (AFP) - England coach Fabio Capello virtually called time on David Beckham's international career on Wednesday only for the player's spokesman to insist his client was still available to represent his country.

Beckham was unable to play in the World Cup due to an Achilles injury suffered while on loan at AC Milan in March, but the LA Galaxy midfielder had hoped to return to England duty when he was fully fit.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid star went to the World Cup as part of Capello's backroom staff but the Italian, speaking ahead of Wednesday's friendly against Hungary at Wembley, which England won 2-1 without Beckham, said there was little chance of a recall for the Euro 2012 qualifying campaign.

"I say thank you very much for helping me at the World Cup but probably he is a little bit old," Capello told ITV.

But in a statement which suggested Capello's words had come as a surprise to Beckham, the player's agent told BBC Sport the midfielder was not about to announce his international retirenment.

The statement read: "For your info, there has been no discussion of retirement. He will always be available for his country, when fit and if needed he will be there."

If Capello is true to his word, the 35-year-old former England captain will end his international career with 115 caps, the most number for any England outfield player but 10 short of Peter Shilton's overall national record.

Beckham played in the

1998, 2002 and 2006 editions of the World Cup, but he was never able to enjoy his best form at the tournament.

Arguably the most famous moment of Beckham's England career came in the 2002 World Cup qualifier against Greece at Old Trafford when his superb performance and last-gasp free-kick secured a place in the finals.

In the 1998 tournament he was sent off for a needless kick at Argentina's Diego Simeone during a last-16 match that England lost on penalties, with Beckham vilified for his role in the defeat when he returned home.

England were never able to get past the quarter-finals of any tournament with Beckham as captain and he surrendered the skipper's armband at an emotional press conference after the 2006 World Cup.

It seemed Beckham's international career was over when Steve McClaren left him out of his first squads after replacing Sven Goran Eriksson as England coach in 2006

Thinking his England days were finished, Beckham quit Real Madrid and moved to America, but he fought his way back into the international team soon after and was a regular member of Capello's group for the 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign.



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Djokovic sweats, struggles past Benneteau



TORONTO (AFP) - Novak Djokovic struggled to close out his opening win at the Toronto Masters Wednesday with the Serb second seed requiring multiple match points to down Frenchman Julien Benneteau 7-5, 7-5.

The 2007 champion in Canada smashed a racket in frustration before finally improving to 4-1 in his career series against Benneteau.

Djokovic took to the court for the first time since leading his country into the Davis Cup semi-finals last month.

World number two Djokovic needed almost two and a quarter hours to get the job done in sweltering conditions on the Toronto hard-courts where he was out-aced nine to six by his 33rd-ranked

opponent, whom he beat in the Wimbledon first round.

Djokovic will next face Romanian Victor Hanescu, who denied Peter Polansky the chance to to become the first Canadian into the third round at home since 2007, earning a 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) win.

"I'm very happy the way I played, and I think Polansky played very well today," said Djokovic, who has defeated the Canadian four times.

"It was very close, he had some chances. Maybe I was more focused, maybe more concentrated, anyway, finally I won."

Russia's world number six Nikolay Davydenko beat Italian Fabio Fognini 7-5, 6-1 but Ukranian Alexandr Dolgopolov upset 12th seed Russian Mikhail Youzhny 1-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-5.

Last week's Washington winner David Nalbandian continued his comeback success from hip surgery and other injuries, putting out Spain's Tommy Robredo 6-3,

Including two Davis Cup wins in April before an extended injury absence, the Argentine has now won his last ten matches.

Oswalt introduces himself to Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA -- Roy Oswalt is with a new team, in a new city, in unfamiliar surroundings.

It might take him awhile to get comfortable.

"It's a little different," he said, chuckling.

Oswalt, who pitches for the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park for the first time Wednesday, played nine-plus seasons with the Astros until they traded him to the Phillies on July 29.

Houston is the fourth largest city in the country, but it spreads over roughly 600 square miles. Philadelphia, Oswalt's new summer home, spreads over 135 square miles.

There is more room to roam in Houston.

There certainly is more room in Oswalt's hometown of Weir, Miss., which has a population of 553.

Weir is where Oswalt's heart is. He grew up there, lives nearby and opened the town's only restaurant in November. Home Plate Fish & Steakhouse originally opened its doors from 4 to 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, because everybody in town eats at home during the week. But

the place is doing well and recently opened for lunch Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

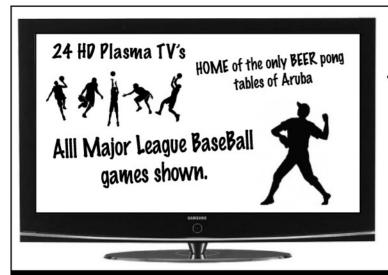
"Right where I live, right where I grew up, you have to drive about 20 miles to get to a restaurant," he said. "I didn't really start it up to make a whole lot of money. I just started it up for the community so they'd have somewhere to eat on the weekend."

Oswalt once said he would play 10 seasons in the big leagues before retiring and returning home to Missis-

He will play at least 11. His contract with the Phillies runs through 2011, although there is a \$16 million mutual option for 2012. It would be impossible for most people to turn down \$16 million to play baseball one more year, but Oswalt does not need the money. He has said he would be content packing up his glove and spending the rest of his life with his family at home







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Life goes on for embattled Woods

SHEBOYGAN (AFP) - The tabloids have toned down their coverage, the paparazzi no longer sit in front of his hotel trying to snap photos and the helicopters don't hover above his house like they used to.

But just when it seemed like life might be returning to a semi-normal state following the hullabaloo surrounding the sex scandal, Tiger Woods saw his golf game go into the tank.

Woods says some aspects of his personal life, but not all, are finally starting to show signs of returning to the way it used to be.

"I don't have paparazzi camped out in front of my house, hotel, helicopters flying over the range," he said.

"That was, at the time, happening every day. They were following my kids every where they went. Taking photographs of everything they were doing. That was very tough. But it hasn't been the case of late. To me, that is a sign that it is headed towards normalizing."

The same can't be said about his golf game. The 14-time major championship winner heads into the 92nd PGA Championship with his game in disarray after coming off the worst performance of his career at last week's World Golf Championships Bridgestone Invitational.

"I couldn't put together any rounds," Woods said on



Tuesday. "I was certainly frustrated in the way I hit the ball and the way I putted."

Woods' world number one ranking is under threat at the season's final major championship which starts on Thursday at the Whistling Straits course.

The four-time PGA Championship winner is without a win this season and without a major title in the past two years.

He hit the skids at the World Golf Championships, shooting a fourth round 77 to finish in a tie for 78th. His 18-over 298 was a whopping 30 shots behind winner

Hunter Mahan.

"To be honest, I thought I would have been here (playing poorly) a little bit sooner with all that is going on," Woods said between practice rounds.

"Somehow I've been able to play a little bit better than I thought for a stretch and then it finally caught up with me last week."

England's Paul Casey said Woods' struggles were a topic of conversation in the players' lockerroom at the World Golf Championships.

"Without a doubt. The first round was slightly surprising, worst round he had ever at Firestone. I didn't expect to see scores like that from him." Casey said Tuesday

Woods' last win was in Australia in November, two weeks prior to smashing his car into a fire hydrant, sparking a series of scandalous revelations that destroyed his marriage and put his once mighty game on a downward spiral.

Woods compared the past nine months to four years ago when he had to deal with the emotional pain of losing his coach, best friend and father Earl Woods. He says he is simply not enjoying playing golf as much as he used to.

"What's been apparent in my life right now versus when my dad died are two totally different deals," Woods said.

"I really took solace back then in going out to the golf course after my dad passed because it brought back so many great memories of us growing up and practising and training and competing and giving each other the needle.

"Here it has been different. Every time I come out here it has been a bit more difficult. Off the golf course it has been a lot more difficult. A lot of things have gone on but in both instances it is about attaining balance and finding an equalibrium.

"My dad always said 'just keep living'. That is something I have taken to heart quite a bit. There are quite a few times I have definitely said that to myself."

His unbeatable aura may have been diminished, but Woods says he has sometimes surprised even himself and is seeing signs of improvement in his game.

"With all the things that have gone on for some reason I have been able to piece together rounds and keep it in there. There were two tournaments where I really hit it well but other than that I really haven't done that well.

"The two practice sessions I had the last two days have been a step in the right direction. I got one more practice tomorrow and hopefully everything will come right today."

Woods says if he can somehow right the ship this week and collect his 15th major title then it would help him salvage something from a troubled year.

"No matter how bad your year is or how good your year was, you have to get a major in there for it to be a great year.

"And there were years that I won a bunch of tournaments but I didn't win a major championship.

"Last year I won six times and I didn't win a major championship. That is what separates a really good year from a great year. There are four majors and we all have a chance this week and hopefully I can get it done."

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No Ryder Cup favours for Woods, says US skipper

SHEBOYGAN (AFP) Corey Pavin said Tiger Woods would receive no special favours and that the world number one is going to have to earn his way onto the US Ryder Cup team like everybody else.

"There's nobody that's promised any picks right now," said the US captain on Wednesday.

"I've got quite a few people I am looking at. I would not disrespect any of the players that are potential players on the team."

On Tuesday, Woods reiterated his desire to play his way onto the Ryder Cup team and not have to worry about being named as a captain's

But asked if he accept a captain's invitation if asked by Pavin, Woods replied that

Although the US regained the Ryder Cup in 2008, Europe have won five of the last seven events and are favourites to be victorious again in October at the Celtic Manor Resort in Wales.

Netherlands held 1-1 by Ukraine



Jeremain Lens (R) of Netherlands fights for a ball against Oleksandr Romanchuk (L) of Ukraine during a friendly football match in Donetsk

DONETSK (AFP) - World Cup runners-up the Netherlands' were held to a 1-1 draw ahead of their Euro 2012 qualifying campaign by the event's co-hosts Ukraine on Wednesday.

PSV Eindhoven midfielder Jeremain Lens put the Dutch side in front in the sec-Moscow midfielder Alexander Aliev pulled the scores level just a minute later.

Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk said he was pleased with what how effectively a third choice Dutch side - the coach only selected one player from the World Cup squad allowing the others the match off - had performed ond half, while Lokomotiv against an experienced Ukrainian outfit.

"I do not want to comment on any individual," van Marwijk said after the match. "I just watched them play, was studying their ability. And I found several more candidates to compete for places in the first choice squad.

"Ukraine is an experienced team, who have been playing together for a long, long time. I consider today's result to be logical."

His Ukrainian counterpart Miron Markevich said that he had been disappointed by their first-half performance but more enthused by the secondhalf display.

'We played nervously before the break making too many poor moves," he said.

"But after the break we were better in creating moves.

"We were up against a very well-drilled team of skillful players and I'm happy about my team's defensive play though we failed to keep a clean sheet."

The Dutch, who were Eupean champions in 1988, are scheduled to start their Euro 2012 qualifying campaign at San Marino on September 3.



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Pacers get Collison, Posey in four-team swap

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) -The Indiana Pacers acquired point guard Darren Collison and forward James Posey from New Orleans Wednesday in a four-team NBA trade that also includes New Jersey and Houston.

The Pacers also said they sent Troy Murphy to the Nets, who sent guard Courtney Lee to Houston.

To complete the deal, the Rockets sent swingman Trevor Ariza to New Orleans.

The Pacers had been searching for a point guard since TJ Ford fell out of favor last season with coach Jim O'Brien.

In Collison they get a rising young point guard who played well when Hornets starter Chris Paul was hurt.

Collison averaged 12.4 points and 5.7 assists as a rookie last season, including 18.8 points and 9.1 assists in 37 starts.

"We're excited to add Darren to the strong core of young players already on our roster," Pacers president Larry Bird said. "He's a dynamic young point guard and we believe that he will be a key piece of our goal of building a team that the fans in Indiana deserve."

Murphy played in 262 games for the Pacers, with averages of 13.3 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.

"We are very pleased to add Troy to our roster," Nets general manager Billy King said. "He is a quality power forward who has the ability to stretch the floor, and we feel that he will be a very positive addition to our frontcourt rotation."





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